



PE Posters - terminology and activities for Primary School

Marion Steele

(Wednesday Only)

In this workshop primary school teachers who need to teach PE will find out about activities which can be done in the classroom or the playground. By becoming familiar with the activities they will also learn the terminology they should use.

Phonetic Spelling Scheme (Primary 1-3)

Mairi MacDonald & Gwen Culbertson

(Wednesday Only)

This workshop will discuss a phonetic spelling scheme which has been developed by teachers in Highland Region. Delegates will hear how this scheme was created and also have an opportunity to try the spelling activities for themselves. Delegates will also come together in groups to develop and share further spelling resources which they can use within their own classroom - so best take a USB to this workshop!

Big books - Example of best practice (Primary School)

Catriona Campbell

(Wednesday Afternoon & Thursday both sessions)

Three new titles will be delivered to schools this year: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Billy Goats Gruff and The Three little Pigs. Using existing titles and presenting examples of the new titles, delegates will hear of one teacher's experience of using these versatile books. They support topic teaching and provide examples of creating material with the class. Some of the titles also carry e-books which can be used on an interactive whiteboard where children can use their own imaginations to tell others how they think the story should end!

Support for children with additional support needs (Primary School)

Archie MacLulich, Fiona Lyons

(Wednesday & Thursday)

Archie MacLulich will address issues on assessment of pupils and training of staff in Gaelic Medium Education, arising from his recent research project for Bòrd na Gàidhlig. He will also present approaches currently being focused on the development of support resources for pupils with Additional Support Needs, from a psychological perspective. Fiona Lyons will address these issues from a teacher's perspective.

New media in the classroom

Hamish Budge

(Wednesday Afternoon & Thursday Morning)

Delegates will have the opportunity of learning about simple media programs which can then be used in their classroom. They will also learn how to use them to create a basic media package which could be used as part of a topic or project. Delegates will be shown the techniques required so that text and images can be recorded, edited and uploaded onto a PC or portable devices. The programs used will be free and available online where they can be accessed by all teachers.

Other available programs and other free online resources will also be shown for reference.



A Language Framework for Gaelic

DJ MacLeod, Shona Cormack

(Wednesday & Thursday Morning)

In this workshop, D J MacLeod will give a brief rationale for a language framework for Gaelic and will show how language work articulates with CfE and a resource such as Mirean. Then, in groups, delegates will work on a draft of this framework which runs from Early level to level 3, altering or adding to it, especially with regard to teaching methods and materials which are required.

Shona Cormack will contribute to the workshop from the perspective of the classroom teacher.

Novels - Encouraging creative writing

Chrisella Ross, Mairi E Milne

(Wednesday & Thursday Afternoon)

This workshop will look at the steps required when writing a creative story and why teachers use creative story writing. Chrissella and Màiri are both authors. They will give examples of the different styles of creative writing which are suitable for primary children, and show how younger children can use pictures to create stories, and to learn how to create and develop characters. Delegates will discuss how creative writing helps to develop language skills, grammar, literacy, spelling and the use of idioms.

The Viking Chest (Primary School 4-7)

Amy Cruickshank

(Thursday Only)

This workshop will show delegates how one teacher has used this resource in her own school. Delegates will be informed about each item contained in the chest and how it can be used for topic and project work. They will also have the opportunity to create material for use within their own classroom.

Year of Natural Scotland 2013

Emily Edwards and Morag MacDonald

(Thursday Only)

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) looks after Scotland's natural heritage, its wildlife, habitats, landscapes and natural beauty and encourages people to enjoy it and value it. As part of Year of Natural Scotland, Emily Edwards, SNH's Gaelic officer, will lead the first part of this session looking at SNH's Gaelic resources for schools incorporating Storlann's new National Geographic titles, Animals in their Habitats.

The second part, led by artist Morag MacDonald, will be a practical session. Morag has worked with SNH on the Air Iomlaid exhibition and more recently the Rannsaich project, which got pupils out of doors to local parks, forests and reserves to explore nature through art.

Morag will discuss simple techniques and tips for taking pupils out of doors and getting involved in nature and art in a fun and practical way. Participants in the session will be given a CPD pack.